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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the March Planting Intentions Survey. Selected acreage figures for Idaho and the U.S. are reported. Grain stocks data are also included.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director

2006 Idaho Planting Intentions

Idaho farmers intend to seed 470,000 acres of spring wheat, unchanged from last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 750,000 acres, decreased 3 percent from the 2005 crop. Idaho farmers intend to seed 20,000 acres of durum wheat this year, unchanged from 2005. All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.24 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Barley seedings are expected to total 600,000 acres, down 5 percent from last season's 630,000 acres. If realized, this will be the lowest recorded acreage for Idaho since 1968. Oat seedings are expected to be 80,000 acres, down 11 percent from last year. Corn plantings are expected to be 230,000 acres, down 2 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions remain unchanged from last year at 100,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. All hay harvested, at 1.41 million acres, is expected to remain unchanged from 2005. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 188,000 acres, up 11 percent from last year's 169,000 acres planted.

Nationally, producers intend to plant 13.9 million acres of spring wheat this year, down 1 percent from 2005. Winter wheat seedings totaled 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the 2005 crop. Area seeded to durum wheat is expected to total 1.83 million acres, a decrease of 34 percent from 2005. All wheat planted area is expected to total 57.1 million acres for the 2006 crop, down slightly from 2005. If realized, this will be the lowest all wheat acreage since 1972. Barley growers intend to seed 3.67 million acres for 2006, down 5 percent from last year and, if realized, this will be the lowest barley planted acreage on record. Area planted to dry beans is expected to total 1.71 million acres, up 3 percent from last year and 26 percent above two years ago. Growers intend to plant 78.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2006, down 5 percent from 2005 and 4 percent below 2004. If realized, this will be the lowest corn acreage since 2001. Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.

Planted Acreage 2004-2005 & Planting Intentions March 1, 2006 – Idaho & U.S.

CROP	PLANTED		PLANTING INTENTIONS	2006/2005
	2004	2005	2006 ^{1/}	
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>
IDAHO				
Winter Wheat	750	770	750	97
Spring Wheat	500	470	470	100
Durum Wheat ^{2/}		20	20	100
Corn ^{3/}	230	235	230	98
Oats	90	90	80	89
Barley	680	630	600	95
All Hay ^{4/}	1,480	1,410	1,410	100
Sugarbeets	195	169	188	111
Dry Beans ^{5/}	80	100	100	100
UNITED STATES				
Winter Wheat	43,350	40,433	41,404	102
Spring Wheat	13,763	14,036	13,899	99
Durum Wheat	2,561	2,760	1,825	66
Corn ^{3/}	80,929	81,759	78,019	95
Oats	4,085	4,246	4,324	102
Barley	4,527	3,875	3,667	95
All Hay ^{4/}	61,966	61,649	61,478	100
Sugarbeets	1,345.6	1,294.8	1,371.8	106
Dry Beans ^{5/}	1,354.3	1,665.0	1,710.3	103

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2006 as indicated by reports from farmers. ^{2/} Estimates began in 2005. ^{3/} Excludes sweet corn. ^{4/} Area harvested 2004-5, intended for harvest 2006. ^{5/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

March 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's March 1, 2006 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 31.5 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year's 28.2 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 13.0 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year's 11.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 18.5 million bushels, up 8 percent from March 1, 2005. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 43.8 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 18.5 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 25.3 million bushels, up 32 percent from last year's 19.2 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2006, was estimated at 972 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 256 million bushels, down 16 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 716 million bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 167 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2005. On-farm stocks are estimated at 68.4 million bushels, 14 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 98.2 million bushels, are 12 percent below March 2005. Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2006, totaled 74.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on hand March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks on hand, 41.9 million bushels are stored on farms, down 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 32.8 million bushels, down 16 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006, totaled 6.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 4.06 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.93 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago.

